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MCC plans instalment scheme to regularise illegal water meters

Mysuru, June 19 (RK&BCT)- Aiming to bring over 35,000 illegal water connections into the tax-paying net, the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has floated an instalment scheme where house owners can pay only a part of the deposit amount and pay the rest in the monthly water bills.

The illegal water connections, especially in over 60 revenue layouts, slums and some of the thickly populated areas of the city is proving a headache to the MCC and despite many efforts, these residents continue to use the water supplied by the Vani Vilas Water Works (VVWW) every day without paying a single rupee.

"We have issued multiple reminders and notices but residents in these areas have been reluctant to pay deposit amount and install water meters. In order to tackle this issue and mitigate revenue losses, we have launched a new scheme allowing residents to pay deposit amount in instalments, which benefits economically disadvantaged individuals," MCC Commissioner G. Lakshmikantha Reddy told *Star of Mysore* today.

As per the scheme, deposit amount for new water connections and meter installations has been fixed at Rs. 3,115. Residents can pay Rs. 1,115 during initial stage of deposit payment to regularise water connections. Remaining amount of Rs. 2,000 will be collected in easy instalments of Rs. 100 for 20 months, along with the water cess.

(See MCC on page 7)

To Our Readers

Turn to Page-6 for KBG's Abracadabra titled ***"Meet Daredevil Musthafa."*** **—Ed.**

Remembering two IAS Officers of 1970s

By K.B. Ganapathy
Senior Journalist

Mysuru, June 19- These are the times for the senior citizens of our city to remember some of the government officers who worked in Mysuru.

One was **Jayakumar Anagol,** the Divisional Commissioner (30.4.1977 to 1.2.1980), who also held the charges of other departments till the new appointees came in.

Once, the local evening newspapers carried an item about bonded labourers kept in a rich farmer-landlord's house near Hunsur. The allegation was made by a local politician.

That very evening, the Divisional Commissioner Jayakumar Anagol directed the Police to investigate and take action. The result was four bonded labourers were released and given their freedom and dignity the very next day.

There was another officer by name **David Syiem,** IAS, who was the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Commissioner during 1977-79. In those days, the city roads were in a very bad shape and some of them were not motorable at all.

D.R. Krishnamurthy, the owner of 'People's Book House' (now closed), had written about the pathetic condition of the roads in the local newspapers.

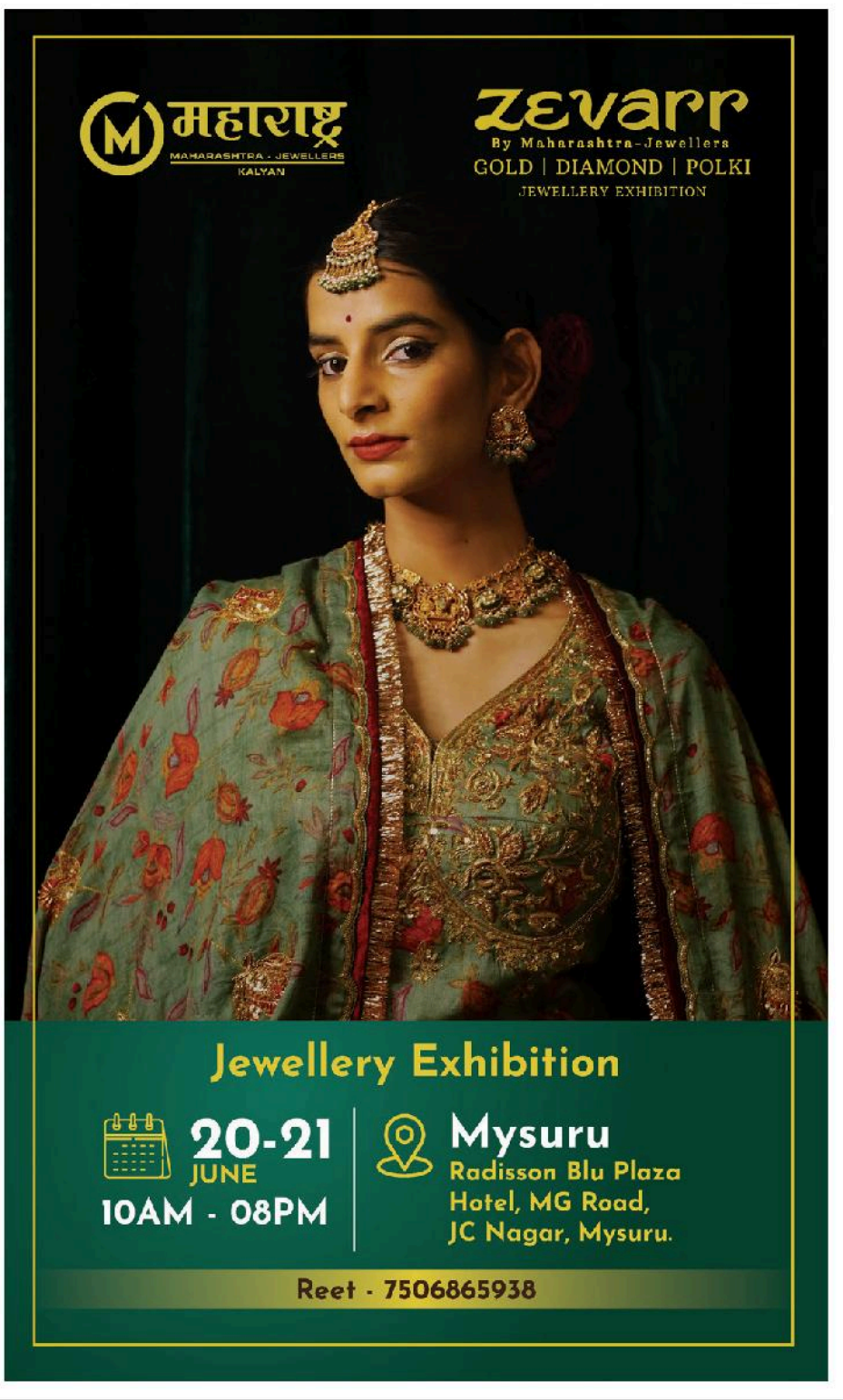
The very next morning, Syiem telephoned the complainant (Krishnamurthy) and asked him to show the roads that he had complained about. Krishnamurthy readily agreed and went on his scooter to the Commissioner's office thinking that from the office he would sit in the Commissioner's car and drive around to show the damaged roads.

However, to Krishnamurthy's utter surprise, Syiem, the young officer, beaming a smile shook hands with the complainant and said 'Come let's go.' Both of them climbed down the steps to the portico where the Commissioner's car was parked. Syiem asked Krishnamurthy how he came there and was told he came by the scooter. Syiem said, "Come let us go on your scooter." Krishnamurthy was bewildered at the suggestion.

It was for the first time in the history of Mysuru City Corporation that its Commissioner went around the city as a pillion rider on a scooter of the complainant for inspection of roads. Next day it made news in the morning newspapers.

I remembered these two officers as I was driving this morning on the Karanji Tank Bund road, which had made news last evening as shown in the *picture below.*

Should we say more?



STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Monday 19th June 2023

G20 State-level competitions

Calling First Grade College students

Mysuru, June 19- As part of Jan Bhagidari programmes as a prelude to G20, State-level Debate, Essay writing and Vachana Vyakhyana competitions have been organised for First Grade College students at JSS Arts, Commerce and Science College, B.N. Road, Mysuru, on June 27 at 10 am.

Any number of students can take part from each college and must register before June 24. There is no registration fee.

Participants should carry permission letter from their College Principal and their ID card compulsorily. Certificates will be issued to all the participants.

First three place winners in each competition will be awarded Rs. 2,000, Rs. 1,500 and Rs. 1,000 respectively. The topic for **Essay:** "The Role of Media in the Development of Culture and Literature"; **Debate:** "Is Modern Technology a Curse or Boon to the Young Generation"; **Vachana Vyakhyana:** Students can select any one Vachana of their choice. For registration, contact Dr. B.S. Sudeep on Mob: 92428-29947.

Take rations before June 27: Assistant Director

Mysuru, June 19- The Assistant Director of Regional Food and Civil Supplies Department, has in a press release, asked all ration card holders coming under the MCC limits to get their rations before June 27. As usual, 21 kg rice and 14 kg ragi is being given to Antyodaya Anna Yojana Ration Card holders while BPL card holders will get 4kg rice and 2 kg ragi for the month of June.

Since there is a network maintenance job to be done from the Central Offices on the last three days of the month that is 28th, 29th and 30th, the distribution of ration during this period has been suspended. Hence, all Ration Card holders are directed to their get their ration on or before June 27.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

The Congress party in Karnataka had mentioned in its manifesto that it would scrap the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, if voted into office. After coming to power with an emphatic victory, the Government has emphasised that since education is on the Concurrent List, it would implement its promise. The concern here is about the sphere of higher education, though it must be emphasised that the Siddharamaiah Government's decision regarding school curricula to restore the *status quo ante* ***is appropriate and is in consonance with the constitutional objectives. However, decisions on what should constitute the curricula must be taken by an autonomous body consisting of neutral experts. The Governments in power should not frequently change them, putting students and teachers in confusion.***

The Higher Education Minister has wisely clarified that the views of stakeholders would be taken into account before taking any decision to scrap the NEP. In a meeting with the Vice-Chancellors of State Universities, he tried to ascertain their views. As the VCs were reluctant to talk frankly, the Minister gave them time to submit their views in writing. The Government should also seek the views of students and teachers on the utility, or otherwise of the NEP-2020. As part of its policy on education, the Government should establish a Higher Education Task Force consisting of educationists of impeccable integrity and industry experts with a proven background of philanthropy, to guide it in disseminating quality education with a fair combination of skills, while at the same time taking care to ensure that knowledge is imparted to promote egalitarianism and societal harmony. *—P.S. Jayaramu in Deccan Herald*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Japan's corpse hotels where the dead rest in-transit

Tokyo: In Japan, a new business has emerged — that of so-called corpse hotels, camouflaged morgues used to store some of Japan's mounting pile of bodies waiting for a spot in one of the nation's overworked crematoriums.

At a cost of 9,000 yen ($82) daily, family members can keep their deceased relatives in one of Sousou's 10 rooms for up to four days until a crematorium can be found. Unlike other such morgues-in-disguise — which try to blend in by looking like hotels — Sousou doesn't refrigerate corpses, relying on air conditioned rooms instead.

Residents of Kawasaki are unhappy about living next to the building, with placards and flags dotting the neighbourhood expressing outrage at the presence of the morgue.

"Crematories need to be built, but there isn't any space to do so and that is creating funeral refugees," said Hisao Takegishi, who opened the business in 2014.

Man's dalmatian collection breaks world record

Florida: A Florida man with a particular love of one specific dog breed earned a Guinness World Record for the largest collection of dalmatian-related items, with 1,152 pieces.

Scott Erbele of Fort Lauderdale said his collection began with a dalmatian lamp his parents bought him when he was a baby in 1954, and his love of the dog breed really took off a few years later, when he started to idolize firefighters.

"My parents bought a home in 1963, located in Silver Spring, Md., fortunately across the street from the volunteer fire station," Erbele told Guinness World Records. Erbele became a firefighter himself as a teenager.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Half of men who die of Coronary artery disease didn't have any previous symptoms.

By Dr. Bipin Chandra Aditya Dasari - Consultant – Cardiology – Interventional - Manipal Hospital, Mysore.

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** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

90th birth anniversary of late Hari Shankar Singhania

Voluntary Blood Donation Camp at JK Tyre tomorrow

Hari Shankar

Mysuru, June 19- JK Tyre & Industries Ltd. (JKTIL), Mysuru, in association with Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and Yi, Mysuru Chapter, has organised a voluntary blood donation camp to commemorate the 90th birth anniversary of their former Chairman late Hari Shankar Singhania on June 20 at four locations of JKTIL in Mysuru from 7 am to 6 pm.

The event will be inaugurated tomorrow by Sam Cherian, Chairman, CII Mysuru and V. Eswara Rao, Vice President - Works, JKTIL.

Those interested may donate blood at any one of the following venues: **1.** JK Tyre & Industries Ltd., Vikrant Tyre Plant-I- (Training Centre), KRS Road, Metagalli; **2.** JK Tyre & Industries Ltd., Truck Radial Plant-II- (Training Centre), Hebbal Industrial Area,; **3.** JK Tyre & Industries Ltd., OTR Tyre Plant-III - (Training Centre), beside Sider Forge Company; **4.** JK Guest House, V. V. Puram, Opposite Nirmala Convent, Mysuru.

NOTE: This noble initiative will support the donors and their family members for their requirement of "Blood Units" during any emergencies irrespective of any Blood Group. For help, contact Nagaraja on Mob: 98452-71044 or K.S. Srinath on Mob: 99450-67012.

Elder Citizens Council to present Pratibha Puraskar

Mysuru, June 19- Elder Citizens Council and Elder Citizens Trust Prathistana have invited applications from children and grand-children of members of the Council, who have passed SSLC and PUC exams - 2023 with high marks or ranks to reward them with Pratibha Puraskar. The last date for submission of applications is June 30 by 5 pm.

The applications along with a copy of marks card and Aadhaar card may be handed over to Achar, PRO of the Council in Jayalakshmipuram. For details, contact Achar on Mob: 98808-05994 or Krishna, Secretary, on 99804-12406.

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LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

A lady visited a shoe store and spent more than an hour selecting a sandal chappal. After trying more than 35 pairs, she found the 36th pair impressive.
Lady: What is the cost of this chappal? Salesman: Nothing. You can take it free ! Surprised by his answer, she asked why is it free? Salesman: *YOU CAME WEARING THESE ONLY!!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 81.99
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 105.03
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 22.32
1 Euro	= Rs. 89.61

VOICE OF THE READER

Rallapalli Ananta Krishna Sharma and "Sangita Kalanidhi" Award

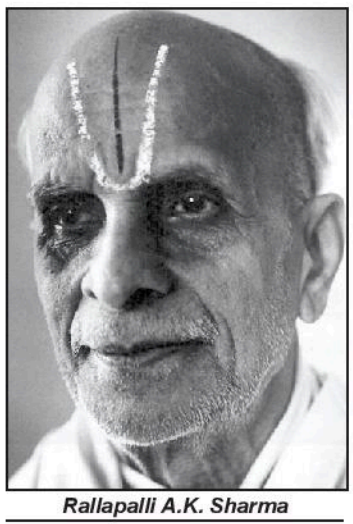
Sir,

Kudos to *SOM* and thanks to Dr. Bhagirath S. Naganath for having published an article on musician and scholar Rallapalli Ananta Krishna Sharma in two parts (*SOM* dated June 11 and 13).

The article has brought out in detail the life and achievements of this proud son of Mysuru. It is my pleasure to add to the value of the write-up by furnishing some information on the "Sangita Kalanidhi" award secured by Sharma in 1974.

"Sangita Kalanidhi" award is bestowed every year on one performing artiste (a couple of artistes in the case of duet performers) by the Madras Music Academy (MMA), Chennai, indisputably the most renowned organisation promoting Karnatak music.

MMA holds routine concerts, conducts music classes, publishes books and organises an annual music conference in the "Margali" season (December), during which period the whole of the city of Chennai is abuzz with music and religion-related activities.



Rallapalli A.K. Sharma

The musician who is selected to preside over this fortnight long conference is conferred with the award "Sangita Kalanidhi." Though MMA started organising the conference in 1929, the practice of bestowing the award was initiated only in 1943.

However, all those who presided over the conferences held during the period 1929 to 1942 were also awarded this title.

It is interesting to note that during the nearly a century long period till now, only seven people having association with Karnataka, including Sri Rallapalli, have received this award. The others are: Sri Muttaiah Bhagavatar (1930), Mysore Vasudevacharya (1935), T. Chowdaiah (1957), Doreswamy Iyengar (1984), R.K. Srikantan (1995) and Chitra Veena N. Ravikiran (a Kannadiga settled in Chennai, 2017).

The fact that the list of musicians who were awarded this title during the time Sri Sharma got the honour included greats like M.S. Subbulakshmi (1968), M.L. Vasantha Kumari (1977) and Balamurali (1978), tells a lot about the worth of the award.

Undoubtedly, Sri Sharma has been one of the most brilliant scholars this city saw in the 20th century. But his name does not figure among the common list of the greatest achievers of the era, probably since his work of scholarship pertained mostly to Telugu literature. Yet, his writings in Kannada on music have been authoritative and his essays in the book "Gaana Kale" still form a 'must-read' for every music student in this land.

— **R. Yadupathi Putty**
Krishnamurthypuram
16.6.2023

'Brushstrokes of Inspiration'

One-day workshop with internationally renowned artist Vilas Nayak in city

Mysuru, June 19- Mysuru Kala Pratishtana has organised an exclusive one-day workshop with the internationally renowned artist, Vilas Nayak, at Hotel Southern Star on Vinoba Road in city on June 25 between 10 am and 3 pm.

Art enthusiasts of all levels — an experienced artist seeking to refine skills or a beginner with an intense passion for creativity — can participate in this workshop.

It promises to be a transformative experience, immersing participants in the world of art, exploring fine art techniques and witnessing the mesmerising magic of speed painting.

Vilas Nayak, a master of his craft, will take participants on an unforgettable journey through his artistic process, revealing the secrets behind his captivating artwork. From capturing emotions to creating stunning masterpieces, attendees will have the unique privilege of learning directly from Vilas Nayak himself.

For registration, interested may contact Mob: 73972-38321.

Ph.D awardee

Mysuru, June 19- C.K. Ajay, Assistant Professor, MIT Engineering College, has been awarded Ph.D in Mathematics by Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU), Belagavi, for his thesis 'Numerical Solutions of Non Linear MHD Boundary Layer Flow problems Through Finite Difference Methods' submitted under the guidance of Dr. A.H. Srinivasan.

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SDM-IMD receives EFMD re-accreditation

Dr. D. Veerendra Heggade receiving the prestigious EFMD Accreditation Certificate awarded to SDM-IMD, Mysuru, from Eric Cornuel, President of EFMD at Lyon, France as other dignitaries look on.

Mysuru, June 19- Dr. D. Veerendra Heggade, Chairman of Shri Dharmasthala Manjunatheshwara Institute for Management Development (SDM-IMD), Mysuru, received the prestigious EFMD re-accreditation of the Institute's flagship PGDM programme in Lyon, France, on June 12.

SDM-IMD was the first Institute in the country to receive **EFMD (European Federation of Management Development)** accreditation in 2017 and subsequently the accreditation has been renewed in 2020 and now in 2023.

Vice-President of SDM Educational Trust D. Surendra Kumar and Director-Emeritus of SDM-IMD Dr. N.R. Parasuraman were present at the award ceremony, along with Dr. Veerendra Heggade. The dignitaries from EFMD comprised President Eric Cornuel, Director of Quality Services Alfons Sauquet, Director of EFMD Programme Accreditation Barbara Sporn and Advisir of EFMD Nishit Jain.

Founded in 1972, EFMD is a global, non-profit, membership-driven organisation dedicated to management development. EFMD accreditation has enabled SDM-IMD to network with more than 17 other well-placed business schools across the world for student and faculty exchanges, joint research in management. Currently, 32 students from SDM-IMD are studying in 9 Universities/institutes across the world — European Union, Middle East and USA.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Power disruption

Due to quarterly maintenance works undertaken by CESC, there will be no power supply tomorrow (June 20) between 10 am and 6 pm at Saraswathipuram 1st Main to 16th Main, New Kantharaj Urs Road, K.G. Koppal Main Road, University Quarters, Muslim Hostel, from Murugan Medical on Vishwamanava Double Road till Kukkarahalli Lake Road, Paduvarahalli, DC's residence, Regional Commissioner's Office, CFTRI campus, Valmiki Road, Judges' Quarters, Vontikoppal, Hunsur Main Road, Vagdevi Nagar, surroundings of SJCE, Chamaraja Mohalla, Zilla Panchayat Office, Court, D.D. Urs Road, DC's Office, surroundings of Maharaja's and Yuvaraja's Colleges, Shivarampet, Dewan's Road, Dhanvantri Road, surroundings of J.K. Grounds, Metropole Hotel, JLB Road, Jayalakshmi Vilas, Airlines Hotel Road, Maharaja Hostel area, Geetha Road, Ramaswamy Circle and surrounding places, according to a press release from CESC Executive Engineer of V.V. Mohalla Division.

Elected as President

Rajesh Chakanahalli, a research student of the Department of Studies (DoS) in English, University of Mysore (UoM), has been appointed as the State President of Karnataka State Research Students Forum, according to a press release issued by Karnataka Rajya Samshodhakara Vedike.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80 feet
Today	:	80.06 feet
Yesterday	:	80.62 feet
Inflow	:	289 cusecs
Outflow	:	3,109 cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00 feet
Today	:	2,250.65 feet
Inflow	:	457 cusecs
Outflow	:	Nil cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00 feet
Today	:	2,819.05 feet
Inflow	:	116 cusecs
Outflow	:	50 cusecs

Vegetable, meat prices skyrocket as monsoon plays truant

By V. Chetan Narasimha

Mysuru, June 19- With the Monsoon getting delayed and the district facing severe rainfall deficit, prices of vegetables, fruits and meat have been increasing by the day, thus pinching the pockets of consumers.

Prices of vegetables have more than doubled at Devaraja, Vani Vilas, APMC, Mandi and Nanjumalige Markets in the past fortnight. Carrot, which used to sell at about Rs. 20 to 30 a kg, in the last week of May, is now selling at over Rs. 60 a kg, while the price of Beans stands at about Rs.100 a kg, Green Chilli at Rs. 60 a kg, Ginger at Rs. 200 a kg, Tomato at Rs. 50 a kg and Capsicum at Rs. 60 a kg, which is very much reflective of soaring prices. So also are the prices of other commonly used vegetables like Beetroot, Cauliflower, Onion, Potato, Ladies Finger etc.

Due to rising prices, consumers are forced to buy vegetables in lesser quantities in keeping with their budget. Mysuru region gets most of its vegetables and fruits from neighbouring Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Southern Andhra Pradesh. Though enough stocks are arriving from these States as of now, the arrivals may dip sharply if there is further delay in the onset of Monsoon and deficit rainfall in the coming days.

Meanwhile, the prices of fruits too have hit the roof, with Apple selling in the range of Rs. 200-240 a kilo and Orange at Rs. 160-200 a kilo. The prices of other fruits such as Sapota and Sweet Lime too have risen sharply, much to the shock of consumers. The prices of Rice, Pulses and Dals too have increased over the past one week, according to traders who attribute the price rise to delayed Monsoon.

K.P. Sameer, a fruit seller, attributed the rising prices of fruits due to deficit rainfall in growing regions. Expressing concern that prices may rise further if Monsoon gets further delayed, he however expressed the hope that the prices may stabilise during Varamahalakshmi festival, that falls after the Ashada month.

Suresh, a vegetable vendor, said that price rise has become common at this point of time every year. Maintaining that prices of vegetables will be on a high side for probably two more months, he said that there has been a shortfall in arrivals due to deficit rainfall in growing areas.

Manjunath, a trader, said that Pulses and Dals to the city come from North Karnataka. But there has been a drop in yield due to deficit rainfall, which has resulted in rising prices of Dals. The prices may drop only if there is an increase in arrivals in keeping with the demand, he pointed out adding that consumers too are buying in lesser quantities due to soaring prices.

The price of meat and eggs too is rising by the day. Mutton and Chicken meat sellers attribute the rising prices to shortfall in supplies. Pointing out that Poultry farms are shutting down due to rising maintenance costs, they said this has resulted in shortfall in supplies. The price of dressed Broiler Chicken now stands at Rs. 250-255 a kg, while that of Mutton is Rs. 650 a kg and that of egg is Rs. 6 for one.

Abdul Kalam, Proprietor of Star Egg Centre near Mutton Market, said that Poultry Farming is on the decline due to rising maintenance costs.

Noting that many Poultry Farms have shut down due to rising cost of feeds, Poultry drugs, death of Poultry Chicken and other overhead costs, he said that all this has resulted in shortfall in Chicken and egg supplies to the city. Pointing out that the city is getting most of its egg supplies from several towns in Tamil Nadu, he said that the city used to receive 25 lakh eggs per day. But this number has dropped due to various reasons and the shortfall in egg stocks is the biggest factor for rising prices of eggs, he added.

Vegetables	Price per Kg.
Beans	Rs. 100
Carrot	Rs. 60
Ginger	Rs. 200
Tomato	Rs. 50
Fruits	**Price Per Kg.**
Apple	Rs. 200-240
Orange	Rs. 160-200
Grapes	Rs. 160
Pomegranate	Rs. 180-200
Meat	**Price Per Kg.**
Chicken	Rs. 180-250
Egg	Rs. 6 (for 1)
Mutton	Rs. 650
Dal	**Price per Kg.**
Turdal	Rs. 180
Rice	Rs. 1,500 (26 Kg bag)
Red Chilli	Rs. 650

CCB Police raid Club: Over 50 arrested; Rs. 1.50 lakh stake money seized

Mysuru, June 19- City Crime Branch (CCB) Police, who raided a Club in Ashokapuram on Saturday, have arrested over 50 persons indulged in gambling and have seized Rs. 1.50 lakh stake money.

CCB Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) Sandesh Kumar received information that illegal gambling was taking place in the Club and when the ACP checked the license of the Club, he found that the license had expired three years ago and was not renewed.

Acting on the information, ACP Sandesh Kumar, Inspector Mallesh, Sub-Inspector Pratibha, ASIs Satish and Raju and staff Manjunath, Mahesh, Arun Kumar, Raghavendra and others, who conducted the raid, arrested those indulged in gambling besides seizing the stake money.

A case has been registered at Ashokapuram Police Station.

Postal bag stolen at Suburban Bus Stand

Mysuru, June 19- A bag belonging to the Postal Department, which had registered and speed posts, has been stolen at Suburban Bus Stand in the early hours of June 14.

Parcels meant for Post Offices in Mysuru and Chamarajanagar districts were sent from Railway Mail Services Office located on Seshadri Iyer Road to the Transit Mail Office (TMO) at KSRTC Suburban Bus Stand.

The bag had registered posts, speed posts to be sent to Yalandur Post Office

On June 14 at about 5 am, TMO staff Muddegowda, Neetu Patil and Lokesh, had taken the transit bag of Yalandur Post Office to be put in a bus.

As the Yalandur bus had not come, the staff left the transit bag on Platform No. 10 and took another transit bag and put it in the Kollegal bus.

When they reached Platform No. 10, they found the transit bag of Yalandur Post Office missing.

Lashkar Police, who have registered a case in this regard, are investigating.

Software Engineer goes missing

Mysuru, June 19- A 22-year-old Software Engineer has gone missing from June 15 from city.

The missing Software Engineer is Anusha, daughter of D. Mahadeva and a resident of Kanakagiri in city.

On June 15, Mahadeva's sister-in-law Rekha dropped Anusha to City Bus Stand in the morning. But at about 7 pm, Anusha sent a message to Rekha stating that she was going to work somewhere else and was staying with her friend.

Anusha has also stated in the message "Do not search for me. I will not be using the mobile phone number I am using now."

Based on the complaint from Mahadeva, Devaraja Police who have registered a case, are investigating.

Upa Lokayukta visits K.R. Hospital and Cheluvamba Hospital

Staff, officers pulled up for lapses, lack of hygiene

Upa Lokayukta K.N. Phaneendra discussing with MMC&RI Dean and Director Dr. K.R. Dakshayani and staff during a surprise visit to K.R. and Cheluvamba Hospitals in city yesterday. Picture right shows Phaneendra interacting with breastfeeding mothers and pregnant women.

Mysuru, June 19 (MTY&BCT)- Upa Lokayukta K.N. Phaneendra conducted a surprise visit to K.R. Hospital and Cheluvamba Hospital yesterday and expressed his dissatisfaction with the authorities regarding the substandard maintenance, lack of hygiene and inefficient utilisation of resources.

Inspecting the Surgical Block (Stone Building) that is being renovated, Emergency Ward and Children's Block, the Upa Lokayukta took to task the hospital authorities for neglecting the accumulation of garbage, food remnants, plastic water bottles and other waste within the premises, emphasising the need for cleanliness not only inside the hospitals but also in the surrounding areas.

He directed Dr. K.R. Dakshayani, the Dean and Director of Mysore Medical College and Research Centre (MMC&RI), to which the hospitals are attached to take immediate steps to ensure cleanliness and ensure clean restroom facilities. Observing that patients do not have proper facilities to sit, forcing them to stand and wait for the doctors, Phaneendra said that seating arrangements at the hospitals are basic ones and must be provided on a priority basis.

"Unfortunately, patients here are forced to sleep on beds without bed sheets as the hospitals have not provided such basic amenities," he said and reprimanded the hospital staff and authorities. Speaking to a few patients, the Upa Lokayukta got to know that staff here demanded money from the patients.

Taking serious exception to this, Phaneendra told the authorities that the only way to prevent this is awareness among patients. Authorities must put signboards and posters asking patients and their attendants not to pay money. "You must maintain the hospital environment akin to temples, ensuring superior treatment and healthcare services for the people who come here from economically weaker sections," he told the staff.

Medicines from outside

Many patients voiced their grievances about hospital staff asking them to purchase expensive medicines and tablets from medical shops outside the hospital premises. Patients claimed that some of the staff intentionally do not provide the medicines despite available stocks to profit private pharmacies.

The Upa Lokayukta interacted with breastfeeding mothers and pregnant women to gather feedback on the services provided to them in the hospitals. He even asked patients to produce the bills of procedures availed at the private diagnostic centres and also the bills of medicines paid for at private pharmacies so that he would take up the issue with the Govt. for reimbursement.

Addressing reporters at the hospital, Phaneendra announced his intention to submit a report to the State Government, recommending measures to enhance cleanliness, hygiene and patient facilities. Observing that renovation and restoration works that are being carried out at the hospitals, he also pledged to advocate for additional funding to facilitate the much-needed repair and renovation of these century-old hospitals.

Balamandira visits

Later, the Upa Lokayukta visited girl's Balamandira on Lalitha Mahal Road and boys Balamandira in Vijayanagar 4th Stage maintained by Department of Women and Children. Appalled at the dismal facilities here too, he directed the Department to ensure that all the basic facilities are taken care of within a fortnight. They were asked to submit a report to him about the upgradation of the facilities.

Lokayukta Deputy Registrar Chennakeshava Reddy, Additional Registrar Shivakumar, Additional Deputy Commissioner Kavitha Rajaram, DHO Dr. K.H. Prasad and Lokayukta SP B. Suresh Babu were present.

City War Memorial works resume after a poll break

Embellishing green granite stones arrive from Hassan; Aug. 15 inauguration target

By M.T. Yogesh Kumar

Mysuru, June 19- After a break for over five months due to pre-poll preparations, enforcement of the election Model Code of Conduct, the election per se and the subsequent assuming of power by the new Government, the work on War Memorial being constructed in the heart of the city has picked up pace.

The stakeholders behind the project are expecting the works to be completed in two months for the Memorial to be inaugurated on Aug. 15, Independence Day. As a signal for the works to have restarted, special green granite stones have arrived from Hassan that will be used for embellishment after the black granite is polished and laid on the structure (pedestal).

The magnificent War Memorial is being constructed at the NCC Parade Grounds, located adjacent to the Deputy Commissioner's Office and right in front of the NCC Group Headquarters. This Memorial serves as a symbol of deep respect for the sacrifices made by the Defence Forces.

Enhancing aesthetics

While black granite stones have taken the spotlight in the Memorial, the breathtaking beauty of natural green granite — with its intricate patterns, swirls and patches — will enhance the aesthetics further. As a dark shade, it complements the black granite while also creating an eye-catching contrast with lighter tones in the surrounding environment.

The green granite, Hassan Green Stone, has been procured from Hassan and the approximate cost is Rs. 25 lakh.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Hassan Additional Deputy Commissioner C.L. Ananda, who was the former Mysuru Assistant Commissioner, an Ex-Serviceman himself, said that the Hassan Green Granite has been donated by L.K. Vijayakumar, the Proprietor of Ganesha Enterprises.

"I told him about the requirement for green granite for the War Memorial and he readily agreed and has donated the 3,000 sq.ft stones free of cost as it is for a noble cause. He has also paid the royalty and GST to the Government and has cut the stones to suit the requirement of the Memorial," Ananda revealed.

It is worth mentioning that the black granite stone used for the Memorial was sourced from a quarry in Chamarajanagar, belonging to H.M. Puttamadaiah. His generous contribution included a 33 cubic metre stone, valued at approximately Rs. 65 lakh to Rs. 70 lakh.

The refinement, cutting and polishing of these stones to meet the specifications of the Memorial were carried out by SVG Granites, owned by Srinath Reddy and Sudarshan Reddy. Despite the estimated cost of over Rs. 10 lakh, they graciously provided their services free of charge.

Polishing, engraving works

The green granite will enhance the aesthetics of the black granite and the polishing work has been assigned to sculptor Arun Yogiraj from Mysuru who has gained considerable experience in carving and polishing works. Polished black and green granite will be fixed as per the blueprint, Hassan ADC C.L. Ananda said.

The foundation of the Memorial, consisting of steps rising 10 feet high, is being built on all four sides. In the centre, there will be a 7-foot Sarnath Ashoka Emblem — donated by an anonymous donor — on each of the four sides. The total height of the War Memorial, including the foundation, will be 43 feet.

The stonework also included engraving works where insignias of the Indian Army, Indian Navy and the Indian Air Force will be intricately carved and painted using American white paint.

Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

Meet Daredevil Musthafa

If our God could create this universe in six days and rest on the seventh day, why not a veteran journalist? With this thought I decided to entertain myself by going to DRC Cinemas, known for its over-sized Samosa like the original American Burger and enjoy the evening.

However, to enjoy a film, the most important decision lies in the choice of a film in a multiplex. My choice was a Kannada film with an outrageous, peculiar and hybrid title 'Daredevil Musthafa.' As I read the title, the first person who came to my mind was the leader of Turkey Mustafa Kemal Pasha and the Turkish Fez Cap. In fact, this cap has an important role to play in the film.

Be that as it may, to my surprise, the theatre was almost full. That gave me an assurance that the film must be good. And indeed it was. And being a Kannadiga myself from the Malnad area (Western Ghat), I could easily understand the story of life and times, depicted on the screen, in a series of episodes after episodes.

The film is an adaptation of the story written by a famous naturalist and a writer, son of a literary giant Kuvempu — Poornachandra Tejaswi. The location of the story is a fictional town Abachuru in the rural area like the fictional town Malgudi in R.K. Narayan's books.

The theme is about the Hindu-Muslim connect centred around the Government Junior College where all the students are Hindus. And suddenly a Muslim student, Musthafa, appears. After this, it is a rocking chair experience that enthrals the viewers till the end. No violence of the kind we generally see about such themes in the films. However, the pride and prejudices, the superstitions, challenges and counter-challenges, the cunning and the honesty among students are all shown in an entertaining manner.

In the midst of all this, Director Shashank Soghal brings out romance in a nuanced manner between the protagonist, the intelligent, good-mannered Musthafa and the girl student of the school, so also the amorous advances the male school teacher makes towards the lady school teacher while watching the cricket match.

REAL

REEL

Aditya Ashree as Ramanuja Iyengar in 'Daredevil Musthafa.'

The denouement to the film is in the last episode of a cricket match played between the local Muslim youths and the college team that brought to my mind the hit Hindi film 'Lagaan' with Aamir Khan delivering a sterling performance. Looking at films with cricket in it, one is inclined to believe that there is lot of fun, frolic, goodwill, bonhomie and even brotherhood to be achieved among the players belonging to different castes, creeds, social status and even religions. That magic of cricket is very well depicted in this film 'Daredevil Musthafa.'

The film shows in a subtle way the fault lines we find occasionally, as an aberration, in the Hindu-Muslim perception of each other. But, looking at this kind of films such perceptions may fade away as it happens in this film at the end. The cricket ground and the Government Junior College shown in the film appears to be our well-known, heritage school, the Hardwike High School on JLB Road. Architecturally, quite a huge heritage Junior College for a village town Abachuru!!

The role of Ramanuja Iyengar was a difficult one, indeed in the context of the story, but the actor Aditya Ashree has played his role too well bringing out the humour, emotions of belief, family sentiments, pain and revenge required of the role. And above all, the cunning. His body language too was delivered perfectly to fit the persona of the character. I guess it is an award deserving acting.

Two songs with meaningful lyrics are well set to lilting music but the picturisation seemed rather poor for the situation. An opportunity lost.

However, nothing is lost as for the film. There is comedy, which means humour, emotions and, above all, a message about peace and understanding among mankind where it is a win-win battle of wits for both the camps. A wholesome entertainment. All in good humour!

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48-member MCC team leaves for Indore to study cleanliness

Shivakumar

Mysuru, June 19 (RK&BCT)- Indore, known for its consistent top rankings in cleanliness among Indian cities, has served as a source of inspiration. This morning, a 48-member team from Mysuru city left for Indore to study Indore's sanitation model and implement its solid waste management techniques in Mysuru.

The team, led by Mayor Shivakumar, comprising 46 Corporators, one Environment Engineer and the Personal Secretary of the Mayor, left for Bengaluru by road and will take a 4 pm flight to Indore. The team will return on Friday.

According to Mayor Shivakumar, the purpose of the visit was to gain insights into the best practices implemented by the Indore Municipal Corporation (IMC). During their study tour, the delegation will closely examine the sanitation initiatives carried out by the IMC, as well as the city's overall development. IMC officials will provide detailed explanations about their solid waste management processes to the visiting team.

The delegation will also visit solid waste management plants and a landfill site to gain insights into garbage segregation techniques, waste disposal methods, and door-to-door waste collection.

Cleanliness, solid and sewage disposal and treatment, compost production, generation of piped natural gas (PNG) and the revenue model of PNG will be the focus areas of the study, sources told *Star of Mysore*.

The IMC officials will present and highlight the initiatives undertaken to ensure cleanliness over the past six years, including information on penalties for littering, such as spot fines and garbage collection charges. The Mysuru team will closely observe the system in action.

Four-month Weekend Theatre Training Camp for children

Mysuru, June 19- Sanchalana Mysuru has organised a four-month Weekend Theatre Training Camp-2023 for children starting from June 24.

Classes will be held at Sanchalana Rangamane, #971, Ganapati Temple Main Road, Bogadi 2nd Stage, Mysuru North, from 2 pm to 5 pm on Saturdays and 10 am to 1.30 pm on Sundays.

Only 25 children will be admitted on first-come-first-serve basis. For details and registration, contact Camp Director Deepak Mysore on Mob: 98450-75762.

Two-day ModiGold Jewellery Show begins

A two-day ModiGold Jewellery Show, organised by Impressionz at Hotel Southern Star on Vinoba Road in city, was inaugurated this morning. Seen are** (from left)* ***Savitha Ranga** (chief guest),* ***Designer Shafali, Veena Ashok** (chief guest)* ***and Impressionz Organiser Krupa Sumanth. The expo will be open for visitors between 11.30 am and 8.30 pm today and tomorrow.

R.T. Nagar residents to get drinking water by July 17: MP Pratap Simha

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha chairing a meeting of CESC officials at Jaladarshini Guest House here this morning.

Mysuru, June 19 (BLU&DM)- MP Pratap Simha has assured residents of R.T. Nagar in the city of providing uninterrupted power and drinking water supply by July 17.

Chairing a meeting of CESC officials at Jaladarshini Guest House here this morning, Simha directed the officials to ensure that R.T. Nagar gets power and drinking water supply by July 17.

Pointing out that it has been 20 years since the formation of R.T. Nagar Layout, he said out of the 40 MLD water available, 20 MLD should be supplied to areas coming under Chamundeshwari Constituency.

Referring to complaints that R.T. Nagar streets were in darkness resulting in immoral activities, Simha asked the officials to install street lights at the earliest.

Taking the officials to task for being apathetic for installation of street lights on Ring Road, the MP warned MUDA officials that he would be forced to lock up MUDA Office if it does not act on the issue at the earliest.

CESC SE Sunil Kumar, AEE Dharani and other officials were present at the meeting.

Hike in power tariff

Speaking to media on the steep hike in power tariff, Simha said that several industrial bodies in Bengaluru have warned of shutting down industries and factories.

"Despite representations by industrial bodies and others, Energy Minister K.J. George has said that power tariff will not come down. Upset over the Government's stand, the FKCCI has called for a Statewide bandh on June 22," he said wondering from where can the Government earn revenues if industries shut down due to the adamant stand of the Congress Government.

Referring to the Government's Anna Bhagya scheme, Simha lashed out at the Congress Government for making false claims. Pointing out that it is the Modi Government which is giving 5 kg of rice to every beneficiary, he urged CM Siddharamaiah to meet the Congress promise of giving 10 kg of free rice. Simha asked the State Government to source rice from elsewhere and keep its promise to beneficiaries.

Commenting on CM Siddharamaiah blaming the Centre for not giving rice, the MP said that the Centre has to maintain sufficient rice stocks to meet the needs of all the States. The CM should understand this and stop blaming the Centre for his follies, he said.

On Siddu as full-term CM

Referring to District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa's remarks on the continuance of Siddharamaiah as the Chief Minister for the full term, he said "Siddharamaiah will not leave the CM's post to his Deputy D.K. Shivakumar for any reason. Siddu has made his intention clear through his supporter Ministers such as Dr. Mahadevappa and M.B.Patil."

Lashing out at Major Industries Minister M.B. Patil for terming him as a small man, Simha said that Patil was experiencing consternation as he did not get the Water Resources portfolio which he had sought.

Taking exception to Patil's criticism of senior BJP leader B.L.Santosh, Simha questioned Patil why he was against the Brahmin community. He also wondered whether Patil really belonged to Lingayat community as he remained silent when B.S. Yediyurappa, a tall Lingayat leader, was falsely implicated in a denotification case and intentionally sent to jail when Congressman Hansraj Bharadwaj was the Governor.

Continuing his tirade against Patil, Simha said that it was the Congress which sought to divide Veerashaiva-Lingayats through various means when Siddu was the CM for the first time. The MP also reminded Patil that Congress MP D.K. Suresh had recently reprimanded him (Patil) for publicly saying that Siddu would continue as the CM for the full term of five years.

Replying to a question on the selection of Opposition leader, Simha said the BJP High Command would select an able legislator as the Opposition Leader to take on the ruling Congress.

Maintaining that the name of Vijayapura MLA and firebrand BJP leader Basanagouda Patil Yatnal is doing the rounds, he said that Yatnal has the firepower to take on the Congress.

MCC plans instalment scheme

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"We want to assist the poor and vulnerable individuals who may not be able to afford the deposit amount at one go. The MCC Council has approved the scheme and this will help increase MCC resources and address revenue losses," Lakshmikantha Reddy said.

Once the deposit amount is paid, the new water meter will be installed so that the connection becomes legal.

"We are aiming to generate an additional revenue after all the illegal connections are regularised. The main issue we are facing in the revenue layouts is the confusion in the ownership of houses in the absence of records. We have decided to issue the water connection in the name of the owner after taking his/her Aadhaar cards," the Commissioner added.

Non-working meters

For over 10 years, there were over 55,000 faulty and non-working meters and this was denting the MCC revenues up to Rs. 50 crore per year. Now, due to the initiative taken by the MCC, the cases of faulty meters have come down to 7,000 as the MCC imposed heavy penalties (up to three times) and the money used to double and treble as months passed.

"This has forced the residents to install proper water meters. We will also bring the remaining 7,000 consumers under the tax bracket to increase revenues," he added.

Buying meters from scrap yards

Many residents avoid paying money to buy new water meters. Instead, they go to scrapyards to purchase faulty meters. This is contributing to the case of non-working meters. We are discussing the possibility of purchasing and supplying quality meters to such residences after charging them. A decision will be taken soon in this regard."

—Mayor Shivakumar

Summer School in Computational Linguistics inaugurated at CIIL

Mysuru, June 19 (RK&DM)- A 15-day Summer School in Computational Linguistics (SSCL), organised under the aegis of Linguistic Data Consortium for Indian Languages (LDC-IL) began at the **Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL)** premises on Hunsur road here this morning.

Speaking after inaugurating the Summer School, LDC-IL President Prof. G. Umamaheshwara Rao said LDC-IL is a scheme of the Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, Government of India, which is implemented by and housed inside the CIIL premises, Mysuru.

Pointing out that the Summer School, which will go on until July 3, will mainly focus on creating resources, both in terms of human and data offering a diverse range of learning opportunities, he said that through this programme, students and research scholars will have the opportunity to learn from and interact with distinguished scholars and experts in Computational Linguistics.

Prof. Rao further said that the main objectives of the programme are: to train internal staff members with the recent advancements in the field; to create resources (corpus) for future work within the project and to prepare resource persons in Indian Languages for future utility.

CIIL Director Prof. Shailendra Mohan delivered the presidential address, while SSCL-2023 Convenor Dr. Narayan Kumar Chaudhury delivered the introductory address. About 100 participants from across the country are taking part in this programme, which concludes on July 3.

Cong. MP D.K. Suresh to retire from politics?

D.K. Suresh

Bengaluru, June 19 (KMS&DM)- Even as the State Congress, which is buoyed by the resounding victory in the Assembly polls, is gearing up for next year's all important Lok Sabha polls, the party MP from Bengaluru Rural D.K. Suresh has hinted at retiring from electoral politics.

D.K. Suresh, the younger brother of Deputy Chief Minister and KPCC President D.K. Shivakumar, is said to be disappointed with the current state of politics.

Speaking to press persons in the State Capital on Sunday, Suresh, a Congress strongman, who has won from Bengaluru Rural Lok Sabha seat twice, said that he does not have peace seeing the current state of politics.

Maintaining that he wants to give a chance to others, the MP said there are many leaders in the Congress who can carry on the mantle and he would like to serve the party only as a worker.

Pointing out that there is still 10 months left for his term, he said he would continue to serve the people and be among them.

Observing that Party organisation is one part and winning the elections is another, the MP said that he was satisfied with his work as an MP.

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World Blood Donor Day on June 14

Jeeva Rakshaka Award conferred on donors

Mysuru, June 19 (BS)- MLA T.S. Srivatsa has described blood donation as a noble job that comes in handy in saving one's life and the younger generation must show its social commitment by taking interest in donating blood.

The World Blood Donor Day was organised jointly by the Department of Health and Family Welfare, District AIDS Prevention and Control Unit (DAPCU), Lions Blood Centre Jeevadhara and National Institute of Engineering (NIE) at NIE auditorium on Manandavadi Road in the city recently.

During the event, Jeeva Rakshaka Award was given to the persons who have voluntarily donated blood more than 30 times.

"Like how food is important for a man, blood is the only alternative for blood despite the advancement of technology. The service rendered by blood donors and blood banks during COVID-19 pandemic is laudable. To encourage blood donors further, the State Government should chalk out subsidised schemes for their benefit and give priority in the facilities," said Srivatsa.

Mayor Shivakumar said: "Like eye donation, the donation of blood is like an elixir of life which assumes greater significance. Now, in the modern days the demand is more for blood and hence there is a need to create awareness among public in this regard. The blood donors have been doing the great service which should be continued."

Medical Officer of K.R. Hospital Blood Bank Dr. Manjunath created awareness on the benefits of blood donation.

Jeeva Rakshaka Award was conferred on M.P. Keshav Gowda, Nanjunda Swamy, Medha, Ananya Prabhu, Girija Patil, P. Harish, Masaram Mali, Gopal, S. Ramachandra, Shivakumar Hanji and Suhas.

Senior General Manager, JK Tyre and Industries Limited, R. Jagadish and Assistant Manager Nagaraj, Senior Manager of L&T Technology Services (LTTS), Latha Omprakash, Founders of Blood On Call Club Anand Mandoth and Devendra Parihariya were felicitated on the occasion for voluntarily organising more blood donation camps.

DAPCU Officer Dr. Mohammed Siraj Ahmed, Director of Jeevadhara Blood Bank Girish and Muthanna, Vice-Principal of NIE Dr. M.S. Ganesh Prasad, Rashmi, Mamatha, Suresh, Ajay Shastri and others were present.

Mysuru DC donates blood, explains its importance

Mysuru, June 19 (BS)- Deputy Commissioner (DC) Dr. K.V. Rajendra has given a call to the youngsters to donate blood, in the wake of rising demand during accidents and for the needy.

DC Dr. Rajendra spoke as a chief guest after inaugurating World Blood Donor Day organised jointly by JSS Medical College and Hospital, Blood Bank, Pathology Department, JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research (JSSAHER), NSS Unit and JSS College of Nursing at Sri Rajendra Centenary Auditorium, JSS Hospital in city on June 14.

Dr. Rajendra, who also donated blood to inspire others, expressed his gratitude to those who are voluntarily donating blood.

Presiding over the programme, Executive Secretary of JSS Mahavidyapeetha Dr. C.G. Betsurmath explained the significance and value of blood donation and elaborated on how it positively impacts the health of a donor.

Dr. Anupama Sundar, Dr. Yuvarajnath and Naveen Kumar, who have donated blood several times, were felicitated on the occasion, along with the members of various organisations involved in organising blood donation camps. A total of 90 people voluntarily donated blood.

Officer of JSS Blood Bank Dr. P. Pallavi created awareness on safe blood donation. Deputy Director of JSS Hospital Dr. Manjunath, Administrative Officer Lokesh, Head of Pathology Dr. C.S. Sheela Devi, Principal, of JSS College of Nursing M.K. Ashwathi Devi, Heads of Departments of JSS Hospital, staff and students of JSS College of Nursing were present.

Blood donation is the greatest donation: MLA

Mysuru, June 19- Krishnaraja MLA T.S. Srivatsa has said that blood donation is the greatest of all donations and expressed his happiness about the increasing awareness about blood donation among the people, of late.

The MLA was speaking after inaugurating a Blood Donation Camp organised to commemorate 'World Blood Donation Day' at Suyog Hospital, Ramakrishnanagar in city, on June 14.

"Suyog Hospital is a prestigious Hospital of the city and is providing affordable medical services to the people of the city which is commendable. In addition, the Hospital is also organising awareness programmes about Blood Donation, Environment and Social Health, which is different from similar institutions," said MLA Srivatsa.

Chairman of Suyog Hospital Dr. S.P. Yoganna, who also spoke at the camp, said that blood has many components like Red Blood Corpuscles (RBC),White Blood Corpuscles (WBC), Platelets, Blood Clotting and Immunity enhancing substances. All these components can be separated and given to the needy. Before giving blood to the needy, the sample will be tested for HIV, Hepatitis, Syphilis, Malaria and other diseases, he added.

"The blood will be destroyed in human body naturally every three months and it is a noble act to donate blood to save lives. The quantity of blood donated will be reproduced in just three months," said Dr. Yoganna and concluded by saying that since blood cannot be manufactured artificially, blood donors must come forward in large numbers to donate blood.

More than 70 people donated blood in the camp.

Suyog Hospital Managing Director Dr. Suyog Yoganna, Medical Director Dr. Rajendraprasad, Directors Dr. Seema Yoganna, Chief Executive Officer Dr. M.V. Manjunath, Suyog Nursing College Principal Nagamani and others were present.

Mysore Bar Association holds blood donation camp

Mysuru, June 19- As part of World Blood Donors Day, Mysore Bar Association had organised a blood donation camp at the Association premises in city on June 14.

Inaugurating the camp, Principal District and Sessions Court Judge G.S. Sangreshi said: "By donating blood, lives of many people can be saved. One can burn 650 calories by donating 450 ml blood and blood donation also improves ones health."

He also called upon everyone to donate blood and save lives.

On the occasion, many Advocates donated blood including Bar Association President M. Mahadevaswamy.

District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Member-Secretary B.G. Dinesh, Karnataka State Bar Council Member B.R. Chandramouli, Bar Association Secretary Umesh, K.R. Hospital Blood Bank Chief Dr. B.S. Manjunath and others were present.

Hilly terrain altered, trees cut in Madikeri Red Zone

Forest Department registers FIR against three persons

Madikeri, June 19 (Akshay & BCT)- Despite geologists from the **Geological Survey of India (GSI)** and scientists from the Indian Institute of Science (IISc.) recommending to the Kodagu District Administration not to disturb hilly areas, especially places that are prone to landslides, a 38-acre land at Mangaladevinagar in Madikeri is being altered and levelled with heavy equipment.

The said land is located at Survey Numbers 543/73 (18.95 acres) and 543/74 (19.10 acres) of Karnangeri village. Hundreds of trees have been cut and the hilly terrain has been relentlessly carved to create a resort or a layout. Following complaints from the residents and activists, an FIR has been booked by the Forest Department against three individuals.

Mangaladevinagar witnessed gaping cracks in the terrain in 2018 and 2019 and as the 2023 monsoon season is at the district's doorstep, residents living in the rest of the area of the hilly terrain and people who are living at the foothill are in danger of a repeat landslide this year.

Land altered for commercial use

A couple of earth movers and excavators have been used to alter the landscape unscientifically for the construction by a group of developers from Nellore in Andhra Pradesh, alleged the residents. Though the actual plan of the developers with the land has not been disclosed, the way the hilly terrain has been carved, it looks like villas will be built, they said.

According to local residents, hundreds of trees have been cut down for the construction without proper authorisation, further exacerbating the concerns. To remove evidence of the destruction of trees, the base of the trees has been uprooted entirely and the gaping holes have been levelled in mud, residents alleged.

Approximately twenty years ago, around 80 acres of land in this area were sold to developers from Andhra Pradesh Apparao, Subbayamma and Venkateshwar Ravi Reddy.

The developers have also constructed cement roads on the natural stream paths between the two hills, resulting in the absence of water flow during the rainy season. Consequently, during the monsoons, the houses built on the hill slopes will face the threat of landslides, feared the residents.

Highly sensitive area

Geologists have declared the Mangaladevinagar region as highly sensitive for natural disasters. Engaging in such unscientific commercial activities in these inaccessible hilly regions is causing severe distress.

It may be recalled here that considering the sensitive nature of the land in and around Madikeri, Air Marshal Nanda Cariappa, the son of Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa, had complained to the District Administration, Forest Department and also the Madikeri City Municipal Council in the past, urging the authorities to halt the commercial exploitation.

This time, Thamoo Poovaiah of Wildlife First has lodged a complaint with the Chief Conservator of Forests to stop the land alteration and construction. "We will be forced to approach the Supreme Court if the Forest Department does not take action," Thamoo Poovaiah told *Star of Mysore*.

GSI had declared area as Red Zone

Sources told *Star of Mysore* that the land has been purchased by Andhra-based developers in 2003 and subsequently, the land was converted for commercial purposes. The NoC to undertake construction was issued by the authorities in 2013/2016 or 2017 and the construction began in 2018. Following landslides and floods, the District Administration stopped the construction.

The Geological Survey of India (GSI) has declared the area a 'Red Zone' where no construction activity can take place. "Even if it is private land and the commercial land conversion has taken place in 2013, the GSI opinion and permission are mandatory. Moreover, the Mangaladevinagar/Karnangeri come under the 'Deemed Forest' classification. No construction is allowed here," an officer said.

Residents of the area still recall the devastating floods and landslides. Despite the warnings from scientists about the extreme human intervention on nature contributing to such disasters, they continue to witness ecological misconduct. The outskirts of Madikeri have been transformed into a large concrete jungle, primarily for the residences of the affluent, they alleged.

FIR registered for axing trees: DFO

Madikeri District Forest Officer (DFO) A.T. Poovaiah and his team visited the spot following complaints and surveyed the area. He told reporters that Andhra Pradesh-based developers have levelled private land in the jurisdiction of Karnangeri.

"The land has been converted way back in 2017 and no forest land has been affected or encroached upon. But they have not taken the mandatory permission from the Forest Department to cut over 80 to 100 trees. An FIR has been registered against three persons under the Karnataka Forest Act and Karnataka Tree Conservation Act," he said.

MLA asks DC to initiate action

"Any development must not harm the environment and this area has been declared as a sensitive zone by geologists. We will not allow any illegality, especially when it comes to our land, forest and water. I have asked the Kodagu Deputy Commissioner and Chief Conservator of Forests to take action if there are any violations. I am told that roads have been constructed and cement has been laid. An FIR has already been registered in this regard. Development works must not be undertaken at the cost of environment."

— A.S. Ponnanna, MLA, Virajpet

Village Accountant to report

"We have asked the Village Accountant to look into the issue where the land has been altered and trees have been cut. We will check the status of the land based on the report and take action subsequently. Also, the classification of Deemed Forest will be checked and the law will take its own course."

— Kiran, Tahsildar, Madikeri Taluk

WORD OF THE DAY

Inchmeal

Pronunciation: INCH-meel.
Meaning: Something done inchmeal is done gradually, or little by little.
Origin: "All the infections that the sun sucks up / From bogs, fens, flats, on Prosper fall, and make him / By inch-meal a disease!" So goes one of the curses the hated and hateful Caliban hurls in the direction of Prospero in Shakespeare's The Tempest. The origin of inchmeal is simple; the inch half is the familiar measurement, and the meal half, which means "by a (specified) portion or measure at a time," is the suffix we know from inchmeal's much more common synonym piecemeal. Students of German may be interested to know that -meal is related to the modern German word mal, meaning "time," which features in the common term manchmal, meaning "sometimes."
Example: "Dawn climbs inchmeal, the sky suffused with light so extravagant it seems stolen." — Richard Bangs, HuffPost, 8 Aug. 2013.

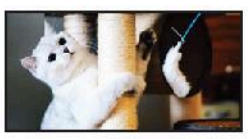
THE ODD WORD

Umbriferous

Giving or bearing shade.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Up to scratch



Meaning: When something is described as up to scratch, it means that it is up to a required standard, is as good as what was required, demanded, or expected, or that someone or something is satisfactory. It also highlights that a person or animal is fit or healthy and exhibits having met certain requirements.
Origin: The term up to scratch appeared during the early to mid-1800s as a reference to boxing rules. When boxing was bare-knuckled, the opponent had to stand with their toes against a scratch in the ground at the start of every round. If a fighter was fit enough to stand at his assigned place at the beginning of a round (meaning he could walk himself to the line), he was up to scratch. If not, he was not up to scratch—likely due to his injuries.
The term was probably used before this pertaining to foot and horse races that would start at a line scratched into the ground, but it is difficult to find documentation of its use in such a manner. However, the Oxford English Dictionary lists scratch as "a line or mark drawn to indicate a boundary or starting point." The term not up to the mark can be used as a replacement for not up to scratch. In a modern sense, this negative connotation refers to something not meeting a certain standard. To start from scratch means to start over, to come up to scratch means to work towards certain expectations, to bring to the scratch means to be prepared or ready, and to toe the scratch means to have met requirements.

QUOTE BOX

Life needs to be like a roller-coaster ride with ups and downs. Otherwise, it's not exciting. **—N. T. Rama Rao, Jr.**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

13AKER

Answer: Bakers dozen.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 At this time
4 Cook by dry heat, especially in an oven
8 Synagogue - "huls" anagram?
12 Colour Reversal Intermediate
13 Playback singer ___ Narayan
14 Bollywood's Madan ___ or Amrish ___
15 Very unequal stakes or chances in betting (4,4)
17 Wraps up
18 Senior member of profession
19 Help in mounting (3-2)
20 Short note
22 Like a mad dog
24 Come up
26 Something to spend in Kabul?
27 Intl. Standard Atmosphere
30 Innate ability
32 Condemned to hell
34 Above sea level
35 Munich the
37 Punished - "dance" anagram?
38 Clergyman
40 Ado
41 Hinge
44 Lamp spirit
46 Help a felon
47 Union
50 Fill to satisfaction
51 Get or win as a lottery
52 Title role for Amitabh Bachchan
53 Pressed or crushed with feet
54 On one occasion
55 Stale

FRIDAY'S ANSWER

A	A	H	S	■	I	L	O	■	O	D	A	S
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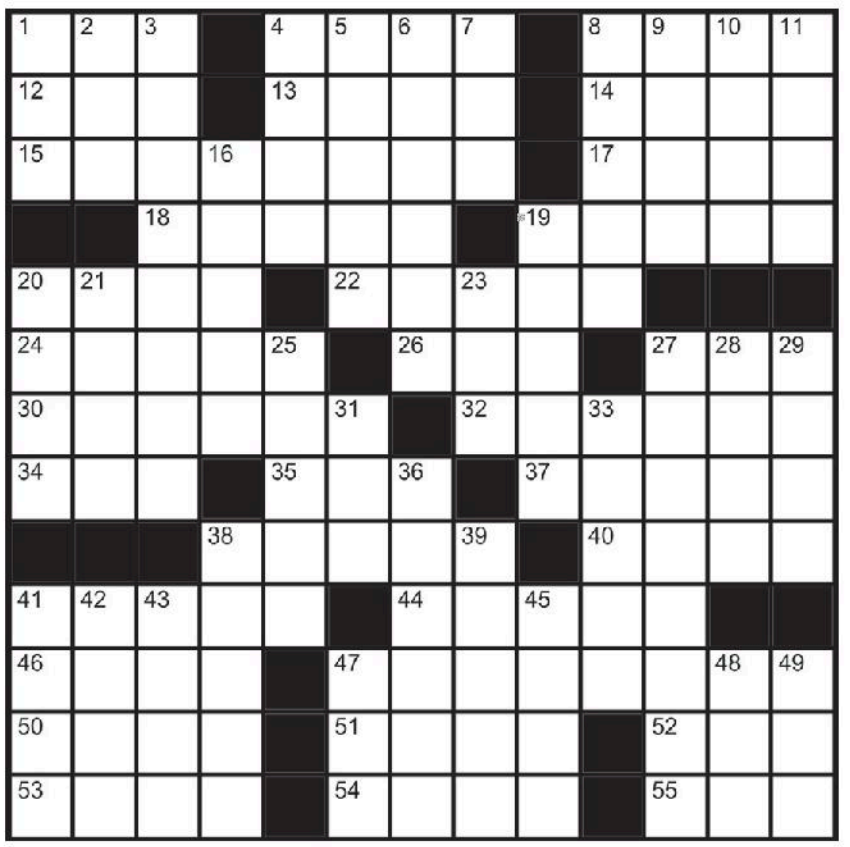
DOWN
1 Natl. Chem. Lab
2 Spanish gold
3 Don Quixote's famous target?
4 Anchored float
5 A snake
6 Abduct for a ransom
7 Aliens?
8 Rapidity
9 ___ on the lips of : listened to very attentively?
10 Asian language
11 Speak a certain way
16 A silly bird
19 Shade of purple
20 ___ Hari : famous female spy?
21 Epochs
23 New rose
25 __ __ all : take one's life? (3,2)
27 Insinuation
28 Discerns or observes
29 Tots up?
31 Gumshoe or investigator
33 Criminal group
36 Type of sleeve
38 Went to the polls
39 Ancient souvenir
41 Bygone times
42 Construction piece
43 Overrule in the UN?
45 Cat's lives
47 In the past
48 Mountain pass
49 Opposite of start



SUDOKU

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	7	5				6	3	
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	2							8

Answer to previous puzzle

7	6	5	9	4	2	8	1	3
4	1	2	7	3	8	5	9	6
9	3	8	6	5	1	2	4	7
3	5	1	8	2	6	9	7	4
6	2	7	4	9	3	1	5	8
8	4	9	5	1	7	3	6	2
5	7	4	2	8	9	6	3	1
1	8	6	3	7	5	4	2	9
2	9	3	1	6	4	7	8	5

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

ZS BVRVO KIOSM SX EML. IBCVMM

HXI EML UXO KIOS.

TODAY'S CLUE: I EQUALS U

Friday's Cryptoquip: You cannot live a perfect day without doing something for someone who will never be able to repay you.

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	(S-4)	10.20 pm
Adipurush (Te-3D)	(S-1)	4.00 pm, 10.05 pm
	(S-4)	8.45 am, 12.10 pm, 6.55 pm
Adipurush (Te-2D)	(S-2)	9.45 am
Adipurush (K-3D)	(S-2)	1.05 pm, 6.55 pm; (S-4) 3.30 pm
Adipurush (H-2D)	(S-3)	7.05 pm, 10.30 pm
Por Thozhil (Ta)	(S-2)	4.15 pm
Daredevil Musthafa (K)	(S-2)	10.15 pm; (S-3) 4.00 pm
Spider Man (E)	(S-3)	10.20 am
Bera (K)	(S-3)	1.10 pm

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Adipurush (H-3D)	:	12.40 pm
Daredevil Musthafa (K)	:	1.00 pm, 7.00 pm
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Adipurush (K-3D)	:	6.15 pm
Adipurush (H-3D)	:	10 pm
Adipurush (Te-2D)	:	9.45 am, 1.30 pm, 5.15 pm, 9 pm
Adipurush (K-2D)	:	10.15 am, 9.30 pm
Adipurush (H-2D)	:	2 pm, 5.45 pm
The Flash (E)	:	9.35 am, 12:45 pm, 3.55 pm 7.05 pm, 10:15 pm
Bera (K)	:	11.45 am
Trailers Screening Show	:	2.45 pm
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Spider-man (E)	:	3.55 pm
Zara Hatke Zara Bachke (H)	:	6.55 pm
Por Thozhil (Ta)	:	9.45 pm

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Adipurush (Te-3D)	:	7 am, 9 am, 10.45 am 2.30 pm, 6.15 pm, 10 pm
Adipurush (Te-2D)	:	10.15 am, 2 pm, 5.45 pm, 9.30 pm
Adipurush (K-3D)	:	1.30 pm, 5.15 pm
Adipurush (H-3D)	:	9 pm
The Flash (E)	:	9.05 am, 12:15 pm, 6.45 pm, 9.55 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	12.45 pm
Daredevil Musthafa (K)	:	3.25 pm

Rotary Mysore Midtown-Wekreate Sports Award 2022-23 conferred

Mysuru, June 19 (CN&BS)- Golfer Vidhatri K. Urs from Mysuru, who represented India in the 43rd International Queen Sirikit Cup 2023 Golf, was conferred Rotary Mysore Midtown - Wekreate Sports Award-2022-23, at a ceremony held at Rotary Hall on JLB Road in city on June 14.

Vidhatri, who secured second spot in the team category, individually finished 19th in the tournament. After receiving the award, Vidhatri said: "I started playing golf at the age of six. Gradually, I started participating in State-level competitions and now I am proud to have represented the country at international level too."

"Age is no bar for achievement, but the decision we take should be better. I could achieve due to the blessings of my mentor and want to win more medals for the country," said Vidhatri.

In his opening remarks, Rotary Midtown Vice-President Rtn. Rakesh said: "Our organisation is in the forefront in identifying and honouring achievers. Those feted here have also scaled further heights."

Chief guest Dr. Usha Hegde, Professor and HoD, Oral Pathology and Microbiology, who is an 'Iron Man Achiever,' said: "It is a matter of joy that Vidhatri has achievements at such a young age. I wish that she brings more laurels in the coming days."

Vidhatri is the proud daughter of Kantharaj Urs, Managing Director of Urs Group of Companies and Ramya Urs, residents of Lakshmipuram in Mysuru.

Rotary Midtown President Rtn. M.S. Naveen Chandra, Hon. Secretary Rtn. S. Kumaraswamy, Past President Rtn. Aiyanna, Kantharaj Urs, Ramya Urs and others were present.

EVENTS TODAY (JUNE 19)

- **Sri Chandramoulishwara Temple, V.V. Mohalla:** 81st Jayantyutsava and 19th Brahma Rathotsava, Music Concert by Vijayalakshmi, Sri Shankara Prarthana Mandira, **6 pm to 7.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (JUNE 20)

- **Sri Chandramoulishwara Temple, V.V. Mohalla:** 81st Jayantyutsava and 19th Brahma Rathotsava, Ganapathi Homa, Temple premises, V.V. Mohalla, **9 am;** Bhajan Programme by Chandramoulishwaraswamy Bhajana Mandali, Sri Shankara Prarthana Mandira, **6 pm to 7.30 pm.**

INOX LIVE the MOVIE

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Adipurush (K)	(S-2)	9.50 am, 1.30 pm
Adipurush (Te-3D)	(S-4)	7.00 am
	(S-1)	10.45 am, 2.30 pm 6.15 pm, 10 pm
Adipurush (H-3D)	(S-4)	10.35 am, 10.30 pm
Adipurush (H)	(S-2)	5.15 pm, 9 pm
The Flash (E)	(S-3)	9.10 am, 3.30 pm 6.40 pm, 9.50 pm
Daredevil Musthafa (K)	(S-3)	12.20 pm
Trailer Screening Show	(S-4)	6.05 pm

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The Flash (E)	(S-1)	9.50 am, 1 pm, 7.10 pm, 10.20 pm
Adipurush (Te-3D)	(S-2)	7.30 am, 11.15 am, 3.00 pm 6.45 pm, 10.30 pm
Adipurush (Te-3D)	(S-3)	10.15 am
Adipurush (K-3D)	(S-3)	2.00 pm
Adipurush (H-3D)	(S-3)	5.45 pm, 9.30 pm
Adipurush (H)	(S-4)	10.45 am
Adipurush (K)	(S-4)	10.00 pm
Bera (K)	(S-1)	4.10 pm
Mahabali...? (K)	(S-4)	3.15 pm
Iravan (K)	(S-4)	6.15 pm
Trailers Screening Show	(S-4)	2.30 pm

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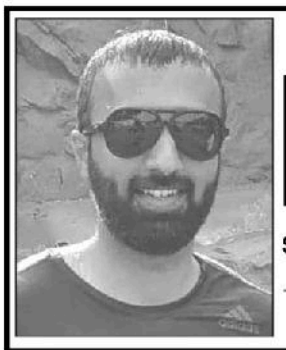

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